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By His Excellency
Thomas Chittenden
Captain General Governor and Commander in Chief in and
over the State of Vermont.
A PROCLAMATION.

To acknowledge our dependence upon the supreme Governor
of the Universe, and to manifest our gratitude to him by the
devout exercises of religion: and the duty of all men to their creator:
That the people of this State, may, in an united social manner
return their thanks to the author of all mercies, and join togeth-
- er to adore his name,

I have thought fit, by and with the advice of the Council
and at the request of the General Assembly, to appoint, and I
do hereby appoint the First Thursday of December next
to be observed as a day of Public Thanksgiving and Praise,
throughout this State. And I do hereby recommend to, and
call upon all persons residing in this State, to assemble on
said day, at their usual places of public worship, and with
hearts suitably impressed with a sense of the Divine good-
- ness, devoutly to offer up to Almighty GOD their tribute
of Thanksgiving and Praise. That he hath ordered the seasons
of the year in so much mercy to this people - that he hath
preserved them from contagious and mortal diseases,
and blessed them with so general a measure of health -
that plenty and tranquility have prevailed in the State -
That the blessings of government, liberty and peace, have been
preserved to the people; for that general prosperity and success
which has attended the government, and the public affairs
of the United States - that victory has been granted against the
enemy at war with us; and peace preserved with the powers
of Europe, and above all, for the manifold blessings of grace
which are derived to us from the religion of Jesus Christ
our Lord. While the people of every denomination of religion
are thus expressing the gratitude of their hearts to the benevolent

Author of all their mercies. it is also recommended to them to renounce their sins and humbly to implore the Divine Clessing on their country. on the Church of Christ. and upon all the nations of the earth: that wars may cease; that despotism may come to an end. that freedom may every where prevail. and that all mankind may submit to the government become partakers of the grace and rejoice in the salvation of GOD.

Given under my hand in Council, at Hutton. this seventh day of October, in the year of our Lord. one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, and in the eighteenth year of our Independence

By His Excellency Thomas Hutchinson
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John Foy Secretary
GOD SAVE THE KING